

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 929 - HB 967

March 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes certain healthcare professionals licensed in another state to practice telehealth while providing healthcare services on a volunteer basis through a free clinic.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-202, medical practitioners who practice in a free health clinic and who do not receive monetary remuneration for medical care and other services rendered are not subject to any fees for a special volunteer license from the practitioner's licensing board.
- Pursuant Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-201(3), a special volunteer license is a license awarded to a medical practitioner licensed to practice in this state or another state, whose sole practice is rendering professional services without remuneration in a free health clinic at a specified site or setting.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-706(a)(1), a sponsoring organization that arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services is required to register with the Department of Health (DOH) and pay a \$50 registration fee prior to providing volunteer medical services.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly increase the number of sponsoring organizations who will register with the DOH and pay the \$50 fee to provide free medical clinics in this state; therefore, any fiscal impact to the health-related boards (HRBs) or the DOH is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The HRBs had an annual surplus of \$2,524,075 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$1,107,948 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,229,587 on June 30, 2020.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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